

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	35	-	35	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	12	-	12	=	0	\$ 84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☒ Petition for two (2) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$400.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$400.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant: Judith MELKI et al. Conf.: 3158  
Appl. No.: 09/109,082 Group: 1647  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 13, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 13, 2001, the due date having been extended two (2) months to February 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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